

COUNCIL MEETS DEC. 23
The next regular session of the city council will be held on Tuesday night, December 23.

Famous Go-togethers - Petting on park benches - wedding bells; petting behind the wheels - tolling bells.

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Church Services

CENTRAL EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Marcellina and Arlington avenues. Rev. H. W. Roloff, pastor. Sunday school, 9:45 a.m. in Guild hall.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Engracia ave. Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. Christmas program and brief sermon on "The Paradise of God."

LATTER DAY SAINTS

Wormin's clubhouse, Wilford Newland, bishop.

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rev. Paul M. Wheeler, vicar. 1402 Engracia ave. Morning service, 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion.

FOUR SQUARE GOSPEL

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Griffith, pastors. 1207 E. Prado. Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. Morning service, 11 a.m.

NAZARENE CHURCH

W. A. Fenner, pastor. 20507 North Royal, Hammeron Tract.

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Rev. Frank D. Meching, pastor. 20507 North Royal, Hammeron Tract.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST

2123 21st St. and Manuel ave. Sunday morning service, 11 a.m.

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

1648 Cabrillo Ave., Torrance. Children Study - Tuesday, 7:45 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Services at Torrance Men's Bible Class building on Cravens.

MONETA PRESBYTERIAN

David F. Barnett, Jr., pastor. Gardenia (1 block west of Western) at 16th street.

FIRST BAPTIST

Rev. C. Miller Northrup, pastor. Carson and Martin.

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY

Engracia and Manuel avenues. Rev. Fr. Joseph Leo Bauer, pastor.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Paul H. Perry, pastor. 1741 Dorler avenue.

Yule Programs At M. E. Church Open To All

The Sunday school of the Methodist church will give their Christmas program Sunday morning at 9:45, the regular Sunday school hour.

Refugee

A NAVY WIFE SPEAKS



One of first refugees from U. S. - Japan war to reach America is Mrs. E. K. Worthington of Philadelphia, shown on arrival in San Francisco on Pan American Clipper. She came from Honolulu.

(Editor's Note: The following poignant article, written by a Torrance "Navy wife," was received too late last week for publication. Because it contains a thought that is uppermost in every American's mind, it is published herewith. This newspaper thanks "Navy Wife" for her fine contribution.)

It is exactly 7:30 this night of Dec. 9, 1941, and in this little city of Torrance, California, there is not a light to be seen. Everything is in darkness because we are experiencing our first "blackout." The few cars on the streets creep along with only their parking lights to guide them, and familiar things and places seem strange and unreal.

To step out on one's porch is like walking into the Great Unknown; the dim light inside can't be seen from without and, of course, shouldn't be seen because this is a blackout. It is however, a bit disconcerting when one crashes head-on into a hanging basket that has always hung in exactly the same place.

There's nothing like a blackout to show us just how greatly we have come to depend upon Edison's most taken-for-granted invention today; namely, the incandescent light.

This initial blackout will, for the first time, bring home to most of us the fact that we are actually at war. The confusion and conflicting reports of the past three days were unconvincing and unbelievable to all, but for those of us with husbands, sons, brothers and other relatives in the island areas, the hours drag endlessly. We wives of the service men - it isn't what lies ahead of us that is turning the blood in our veins to ice; for ourselves we can take it, but what of those dead and wounded soldiers and sailors out there? They belong to somebody, but to whom? As yet we have no way of knowing, so all we can do is hope, wait, and at the same time do what we can to smother that horrible dread that might easily lead to panic.

Keeping America First To Army and Navy people the thought of the Japanese flag flying over Guam and Wake Islands is a personal outrage. To be sure, those islands seem very remote to us here on the mainland, but the fact remains that they belong to us as surely as does San Pedro or Seattle or New York.

Every citizen of California would be openly affronted and insulted if the Swastika were suddenly hoisted over Philadelphia, but seizure of our territorial possessions, strange enough, seems to have awakened no such feeling.

We know, of course, better than most civilian wives can know, that a large part of this war will be fought here at home. While our boys engage in the grim business of actual land and sea and air battle, their families are girding themselves for whatever may lie ahead, firm in the conviction that we, as well as

they, are a part of America's lines of defense. We may be facing heart-breaking personal losses, but "America First" means exactly that to us and we are prepared to give whatever we must give to keep America first.

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High Notes on P.V. Symphony

By JIM HOWE

Last week I outlined a Rotary club project for the people of Torrance that loomed large on the musical and social horizon of the season. Deep-laid plans would have provided a delightful event but now the black shadow of war has fallen across our plans and all our bright promise has suffered a blackout - temporarily at least.

This affair was to have been a concert by the Palos Verdes Symphony Orchestra in conjunction with Mrs. Cooke's Madrigal Singers of Torrance high school. But now, on account of regulations by civil and military authorities and consequently difficulty of meeting and traveling at night, we'll have to "hold everything" until further notice.

Second Hamburger Hut on Highway

Hamburger Hut No. 2 was opened recently at 2280 Pacific Coast (101) highway by Harry Ryppdahl, whose Hamburger Hut No. 1 in San Pedro is famed for its fine steaks beef ground fresh daily in the Hut's own spotless kitchen.

Ryppdahl has been a resident of the Harbor District for the past 30 years. He is operating his No. 2 Hut on the same high standards that made his initial venture a success. The firm is prepared to serve during blackouts and adhere to all regulations. The Hut is open from 10 a.m. to 2 a.m.

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Gifts FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY

Advertisement for Firestone gifts, featuring various items like shavers, radios, and kitchen appliances with prices and descriptions.

Funeral Held For Chas. Hix

Services for Charles Hix, who died Thursday at his home 2808 241st st., were held Monday at the H. R. Halverson chapel in San Pedro. Interment was in Inglewood Memorial Park.

Salvation Army Mending Broken Toys for Yule Gifts

If your children have outgrown their present toys, of if they are to receive new ones in a few weeks, why not let the Salvation Army send its salvage truck to your home right now, and collect the old toys?

Danes Will Hold Installation With Alhambra Lodge

Pacific Lodge No. 329, Danish Brotherhood, is planning to install officers jointly with Alhambra lodge at Alhambra Jan. 2nd with the Los Angeles drill team as installing officers.

Supervisors Okay Daylight Saving

Support of the daylight saving plan for Los Angeles county and the rest of the state was given by the board of supervisors this week in asking Governor Culbert Olson to include the proposal in his call for a special session of the Legislature.

Public Asked to Stay Away From Petroleum Property

As an important part of the united efforts now being exerted, Police Chief J. H. Stroh today emphasized the special care that is being exercised in watching and guarding all properties utilized for any portion of the petroleum industry - because an uninterrupted flow of petroleum products is so vital to the successful operation of our armed forces.

METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Harry Branton, pastor. 1402 Engracia ave.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

Meets at 9:30 a.m. Sundays in their hall opposite public library on Cravens avenue.

TORRANCE PLUMBING

Advertisement for Torrance Plumbing Co., listing services like refrigerator repair, water heaters, and furnaces.

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Advertisement for Packard-Bell and Philco radios, platform rockers, and other home goods with prices.

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